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## Governor names state police search committee

TRENTON — Governor James E. McGreevey recently announced the creation of a ten-member search committee whose members include a former governor and a prominent Newark minister for the purpose of selecting a new Superintendent for the New Jersey State Police.

State Police Superintendent Joseph Santiago resigned after a turbulent seven-month tenure, amid allegations that the top police officer was close to mob figures. The former Newark Police Director entered his position with a mandate to reform a state Police Department that is plagued with charges of racial profiling. Santiago who was opposed by the rank and file police union members since his nomination last February, says the "good old boys network" forced him out of the job.

News of a federal investigation into Santiago's behavior, going back to 1998, surfaced last June, and Santiago demanded that his investigators torn over internal reports to him. The Governor said publicly that he supported Santiago, however his resignation was accepted the next day and Frederick Madden was named the Acting Superintendent.

In naming the search committee to replace Santiago, Governor McGreevey said, "I am grateful to each member of the committee who has agreed to assist me in searching to identify the strongest and most capable candidate to serve as the Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police," the Governor said. "With the hard work of each committee member this State will identify a Superintendent by January 15, 2003."

Former Governor Brendan T. Byrne, and the Rev. Dr. Moses William Howard, senior pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Newark were among the ten members named to the search committee. The other members are: Ida L. Castro, the Commissioner of the N.J. Department of Personnel; James

## NJ voters focus on U.S. Senate race's national impact

By M. Scheryl Gant

NEWARK — As the last weeks of the turnabout New Jersey U.S. Senate race draws near, the Democratic and Republican candidates are turning up the heat on the broad issues of gun control, abortion, the environment, social security and prescription drugs, in one of the nation's most closely watched campaigns that will hinge on voter turnout in a run for a seat that will have profound national impact.

On a personal level, Republican candidate, businessman and former West Windsor mayor Douglas Forrester is under attack for his seemingly shallow grasp of the issues and refusal to release his income tax documents, while the age of former U.S. Senator



— CN photo by Scheryl Gant

### U.S. Senate candidate Frank Lautenberg with Hispanic support-

Frank Lautenberg, 75, now that "the Torricelli factor" has been removed, and the number of scheduled debates is a frequent topic of criticism from the Republicans. Nationally, however, the Democratic Party is

trying to call attention to voting problems that threaten to result in a recreation of the fiasco that occurred in the 2000 presidential election.

Although the polls show Lautenberg as leading

Forrester, a wealthy pharmaceutical industry executive by as few as seven points last Friday, the two candidates are hammering at each other as they criss-cross the state. Upsets at the polls is not new here is New Jersey, where Republican Thomas Kean beat incumbent Governor James Florio by 1,677 votes in 1981.

Figures released by state election officials indicate a more than one percent increase in registered voters since last year. There are now 4,655,852 registered voters, which is 57,946 more than last year. The increase in voters is highly important, following a court ordered purge last year of 113,000 voters who had not voted in years, were dead, or

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## McGreevey convenes Smart Growth Summit

*"Under the leadership of our Commerce and Economic Growth Commission, we must strengthen our efforts to retain and recruit jogs but also be concerned about where those job opportunities are located."*

— Gov. James E. McGreevey

which he signed into law last week. The law will authorize the state to reimburse residential developers for up to 75 percent of the costs of brownfields remediation. In the past, redevelopment agreements have mostly been used for commercial or mixed-use projects; this law will spur residential development of brownfields sites.

To help remediate the thousands of underground storage tanks around the State, governor McGreevey urged the State Legislature to amend the Underground Storage Tank Finance Act to increase its flexibility and unlock surplus funds. The Governor encouraged the Legislature to pass a Constitutional amendment — to be placed on the November 2003 ballot — allowing those

funds to be used for brownfields redevelopment loans and grants. This represents approximately \$82.4 million that would be used for underground storage tank remediation and for brownfields site remediation.

In addition, governor McGreevey announced that he will direct the Economic Development Authority to create a new \$10 million pre-development loan program to provide critical gap financing for brownfields projects.

"In the past, redevelopment agreements have mostly been used for commercial or mix-use projects. This new law will spur residential development of brownfields sites while we maintain cleanup standards appropriate for their use," the Governor said.

Governor McGreevey also followed through on his commitment to protect 15 "high quality waters" covering approximately 2000 stream and reservoir miles. On Earth Day, Governor McGreevey announced a proposal to strengthen protection for nine drinking water reservoirs and six river and stream segments as the start of a broader initiative to provide New Jersey resident with clean and plentiful water.

During the Summit, he formally announced the historic package of regulations that will

protect these drinking water sources. Under these new regulations, the state will be able to heighten the protection of waterways in order to protect drinking water, or to protect habitats for endangered species.

"The series of initiatives we are launching today will ensure that New Jersey grows in accordance with Smart Growth principles," said McGreevey. "The steps we are taking today will stimulate redevelopment, clean up our brownfields and protect our precious natural resources."

Governor McGreevey also discussed other steps the State is taking to grow in accordance with Smart Growth principles, such as taking a fix-it-first approach to the State's transportation infrastructure, promoting transit villages, restoring statewide capital planning, and developing implementation guidelines for the School Renaissance Zone initiative. This initiative, based on sound planning principles, will use existing State program resources to leverage private sector investment to revitalize neighborhoods surrounding newly constructed schools in targeted districts.

"For the past ten years, New Jersey has been spending an average of 20 percent of its transportation capital budget on new roads. This year, we have

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**Recipient of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation:** Essex County College student Sherri Smith, a resident of East Orange, was recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Smith is a member of Essex County College Phi Theta Kappa college honor society, a Liberal Arts major and plans to transfer to Rutgers-Newark or NYU after graduating from Essex. She was elected to the one-year term earlier this year.

## Curious Observer ?

There is an old saying, put your money where your mouth is, and when it comes to black owned media outlets and the large black community, how many politicians are doing that?

True, politicians visit a few large African American churches, but how many of them spend significant advertising, promotion and salary dollars to get out the black vote? Don't forget, today \$15 million may be spent on national office campaigns, and at least \$1 million will be spent on the local elections. My observation is that politicians spend the money with white owned newspapers, radio and television stations knowing that they will reach black voters through those outlets.

Similarly African Americans are so deprived of high level decision making representation within political camps, that we get excited over one or two appointments — even to low level or temporary positions, when the truth is that lone fly can not speak out with the strength needed to make the ointment soothe needs of millions of African Americans.

This financial strategy works well for the politician, because they get a lot of bang — good will, favorable appearance and concrete votes — with almost no dollar investment in black owned entities. The question is where is the trickle down? Baby needs a college, and grad school education, papa needs 401K contributions, and mama needs reliable transportation to a good paying job.

Still, we have reengineered this nation with our votes. Candidates who ignore blacks during the campaign season, send a message to constituents who supports longer prison sentences over better

schools, and suburban recreation outlets over urban economic development programs. If you can't find a candidate to vote for, then vote against the candidate who has none of your best interests at heart. Someone will be elected, and have the chance to affect your life daily. When you don't vote, you hand the election over to the candidate who the voting majority selected.



The New Jersey Office of Information Technology (NJOIT) recently celebrated National Disability Mentoring Day: Volunteers from NJOIT mentored citizens who have disabilities including visual impairment, hearing impairment, and cerebral palsy. Berkeley Heights resident Tienwei Liu (c) was among the participants during the event. Liu is seen here receiving his certificate from NJOIT Chief Technology Officer Steve Dawson. Liu also attends New Jersey Institute of Technology.



**Recipient of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation:** Essex County College (ECC) student Tricia Maurice, a resident of Irvington, is another recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program. An Accounting major, Maurice is also president of the Phi Theta Kappa chapter at ECC, the two-year honor society. The scholarship program is funded through the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation.

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## Briefs

### U.S. EYES TIES WITH AFRICAN OIL NATION

NEW YORK (GIN) — Sao Tome, a small island just off the west African coast may become the next major oil supplier for the United States.

Reports have been circulating in oil business and diplomatic circles for more than a year now that the United States is considering the strategically located Sao Tome, a pinprick in the ocean with a population of just 140,000 people.

### COALITION ASSAILS ELECTION REFORM

WASHINGTON — The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), the nation's oldest and most diverse civil rights coalition, says the U.S. Senate's "agreement on election reform contains a number of badly needed improvements, but it takes several steps backwards..."

The final version of H.R. 3295 "will cause chaos at the polls, and that will not only make it easier to discriminate, but for some Americans, also make it harder to vote," says Wade Henderson, executive director of the LCCR.

### CLINTON BLACK HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

(NNPA) — Former U.S. President Bill Clinton recently became an honorary member into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame. The induction is in honor of Clinton's appointments of African Americans into high levels of state and federal government and his efforts to confront AIDS in Africa and the Caribbean, according to a spokesman for the organization. Dr. Edith Irby Jones, the first black graduate of the University of Arkansas, College of Medicine, and singer Al Green were also inducted.

### CRACKER BARREL BIAS SUIT TOSSED

(NNPA) — A federal judge in the Northern District of Georgia has denied class-action status to a \$100 discrimination lawsuit against the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Inc.

U.S. Circuit Court Judge Harold Turner ruled that the discrimination suit couldn't include an extra 40 separate plaintiffs along with the NAACP. The suit alleged that Black customers were subjected to racial slurs and served food taken from the trash.

## Election will show if whites support black candidates

By Hazel Trice Edney  
NNPA Washington Correspondent

This is the third of series of articles on the 2002 election.

WASHINGTON (NNPA) Lucy Billingsley is a staunch Republican, who worked hard for the election of George W. Bush; but Billingsley, the daughter of Texas real estate tycoon Trammell Crow, a major Republican donor, has jumped ship.

She is supporting Ron Kirk, the Democrat, in the general election over John Cornyn for whom Bush is working hard. "I believe in the same things that he believes in," Billingsley says, referring to Kirk. "I want a leader who is a leader among men. The question in Dallas is not a question of race. You're either going to go with the party or the man. I want to go beyond the party."

If Kirk, who is running slightly ahead of Cornyn in the polls, is to become the third black U. S. senator since Reconstruction and the first from Texas, he will need lots of supporters like Billingsley — whites who are willing to vote for qualified black candidates.

With more than 9,000 black elected officials across the United States (31 hold



— Photo courtesy of NNPA

### Ron Kirk, Texas U.S. Senate Candidate.

statewide offices), there are no black governors and no blacks in the 100-member U. S. Senate. This is largely because many white voters are reluctant to vote for black candidates.

"Although an overwhelming majority of whites indicate that they would have no problem voting for a qualified black candidate running for president of the United States, fully 25 percent of whites indicated that they would not vote for such a candidate," pollster Keith Reeves writes in his book "Voting Hopes or Fears?" The 25 percent figure may be low.

The challenge for black candidates, according to former Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, is "how best to go

about presenting yourself in an atmosphere that is not dominated by your race. You don't want them to vote for you because of your race nor against you because of your race. The key is resonance. You're trying to win the confidence of the people."

In another closely watched race, H. Carl McCall, who was elected twice as state comptroller in New York, is hoping to step up to become governor.

Wilder observes, "There's no such thing as a liberal state. Where is it? They [McCall and Kirk] have got to continue to grind and grind."

Although it's difficult for blacks to win statewide, it's not impossible. Eleven African-Americans sought statewide office in 2000—eight Democrats and three Republicans—and four won.

A problem contributing to the defeats is the lack of accurate polling data that would allow black candidates to adjust their message during the campaign.

If an African-American or a white person answers the phone and thinks he or she is talking to an interviewer of the other race, they may give a very different answer than if they thought they were talking to an interviewer of the same race,



— Photo courtesy of NNPA

### H. Carl McCall, New York gubernatorial candidate.

says Reeves, the political scientist. Whether accurate or not, Kirk is ahead of Cornyn by 8 percent, with a 3.5 percent margin of error, according to a poll by the University of Houston's Center for Public Policy. And McCall is trailing Pataki by 11 points among likely voters, with a 5 percent margin of error, according to a poll by "The New York Times."

Kirk and McCall trail their white counterparts in fundraising. Kirk has raised \$5.2 million, which is \$700,000 less than Cornyn. McCall has raised only \$12 million or \$28 million less than Pataki. Both candidates hope not to be trailing their opponent when the ballots are counted.

## Age old quest: Get out the vote

The National Council of Negro Women is "urging women to not only vote themselves, but to urge at least five other persons to do the same," says Dorothy I. Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women.

That get out the vote strategy grew out of the "Arrive with Five!" campaign, sponsored by People for the American Way (PFAW), which bolstered the Black vote in Florida by 15 percent in 2000. Election Protection activities will include visiting the sick and shut-in with voting information, distributing absentee ballots, churches sponsoring sound trucks on Election Day and providing rides to the polls.

The National Coalition on Black Voter Participation and PFAW also have initiated a "Know Your Rights/Election Protection" program that will provide Election Day poll watchers and lawyers in 21 states. In addition, a lawyers' hotline will be available.

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# Editorial

## We endorse Lautenberg, Payne, and Divencenzo

It is not even a contest to list why we believe the choices for New Jersey in the U.S. Senate race, U.S. Congress, and Essex County Executive are no brainers.

The issue in each of these races — as our economy ravaged nation is under threat of a war that will undoubtedly lead to another catastrophic attack and Essex County is facing a massive budget deficit — is experienced elected officials know the social, political, and economic territory extremely well.

To that end we endorse former U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg for the U.S. Senate, Congressman Donald Payne for the U.S. House of Representatives, and Freeholder President Donald DiVincenzo for Essex County Executive.

Mr. Douglas Forrester, a former mayor and wealthy businessman, is to be commended for his willingness to give Republican voters in New Jersey a candidate to vote for. For a while Mr. Forrester was doing well in the polls, and it looked as if the Democratic stronghold on the New Jersey U.S. Senate seat was going to be broken. Without a strong public record, without giving voters a reason to vote for him, and without the Torricelli ethics platform to stand on, Mr. Forrester's campaign has lost ground on a daily basis once Senator Lautenberg entered the race, and is running on his accomplishments during his 18 years in the Senate.

In the race for the U.S. House of Representatives, we support Democratic Congressman Donald Payne for an eighth term because of his proven leadership, performance and commitment to the citizens of Essex County. Congressman Payne, who also became the Essex County Democratic Chairman last June, has made great strides in uniting the local party. He consistently receives high marks for his domestic and foreign accomplishments.

In the local race for leadership as Essex County Executive, we handily endorse Freeholder Board president Joseph DiVincenzo, a Democrat, who is challenged by first time Republican candidate Candace Straight.

It is our belief that Ms. Straight failed to connect with the voters, especially voters in Newark, East Orange, and Irvington. Instead she conducted an opportunity campaign by rallying voters in the smaller townships in an attack against the arena project. The perception her candidacy created is not flattering for someone seeking the leadership in a county that must strike an effective budget balance between the communities that have and those that do not have.

Mr. DiVincenzo, on the other hand, has been a freeholder since 1990, and president of the board since 1995. He has proven his ability to implement cost cutting reforms, including taking the bold step to reduce patronage positions. We believe Mr. DiVincenzo will bring those skills and his political strength and influence to the County Executive position.

We believe that each of these candidates are seeking offices in which their decisions will have dire consequences, because of the political and economic challenges our nation and county face we do not have the luxury of lengthy learning curves.

# Baseball: How I learned investing

By Ron Kelemen

Some baseball fanatics claim that baseball is life, and the rest is just details. We wouldn't go so far to say that, but as the season winds to a close and the country watches the World Series, here are a couple of important investing lessons baseball can teach us.

First, if the first three batters hit into left field, would the coach move all the players over to left field? Of course not! He would keep them spread out

among the other positions because nobody knows for sure where the next batter will hit. Lesson: last year's best investment may not be so this year.

Second, why do they use nine players in the field? Answer: not all hits go to the same outfielder each time. Lesson: No single investment asset class does the same year in and year out. Last year's winner is often this year's loser.

Third, why do some batters bunt? Answer: base hits can bring a batter home to win the

game, too. Lesson: small, regular investments can grow into a substantial portfolio over time.

Fourth, why is there a coach at first and third base? Answer: because even the best players need coaching in the excitement of the game. Lesson: seek professional advice. Even experienced investors can benefit from the objective counsel of a financial advisor.

Ron Kelemen is an independent Certified Financial Planner offering services through The H Group, Inc..

## Jogger case has America on Lockdown

By Salim Muwakkil

The "Central Park jogger" case conjures up images of a horrific crime that occurred in New York City on April 19, 1989, when a 28-year-old female investment banker was brutally assaulted and raped while jogging in the park.

Within hours police picked up five Harlem teenagers (ranging in age from 14 to 16) who later were charged with the crime. There was no physical evidence linking teenagers—four African-Americans and one Puerto Rican—to the vicious assault, but they were convicted largely on the strength of taped confessions. Some served at least seven years in prison, with one incarcerated for 13 years.

The brutal crime became emblematic of a society that many were convinced was tumbling into criminal anarchy. Stoked by hysterical media reports that spun tales of feral black and Hispanic youth running amok through Central Park like "wolfpacks," wreaking havoc and "wilding," New Yorkers and the nation in general were out for blood.

The crime and lurid coverage provoked real estate developer Donald Trump to take out ads in four New York newspapers calling for the restoration of the death penalty in the state. Capital punishment was restored in New York a few

years later.

The media frenzy surrounding the case also gave a powerful push to the growing trend to prosecute and punish juveniles as if they were adults. That trend remains strong.

In January 2002, however, a convicted serial rapist who reportedly had a religious conversion in prison confessed to the 1989 crime. The man, Matias Reyes, said he acted alone and a subsequent investigation of his claim linked him to the DNA found on the jogger. The jogger was in a coma for 12 days and had no memory of the attack when she awoke.

Prosecutors used strands of blonde hair to further incriminate the youths, but, according to a police report leaked by New York Newsday, "all forensic evidence used at the trial ... to convict the five has now been determined to be useless." The five young men, Raymond Santana, Yusef Salaam, Kevin Richardson, Kharey Wise and Anton McCray, have always maintained they were coerced or tricked into lying in the confession statements. They claimed that police officials told them they would be allowed to go home after being subjected to intense interrogation for up to 36 straight hours.

Even while the youths were imprisoned, "their persistence in claiming innocence, instead of conveying remorse for the

assault, cost them their best chance to reduce their prison terms," according to an Oct. 16 story in The New York Times.

Although the five men, now in their 20s and 30s, are free they must report every three months to register as sex offenders and, according to their attorneys, their lives have been devastated. What's more, the hardened attitudes and harsh legislation passed in reaction to their wrongful convictions cannot be put back into a box. But their cases are not unusual. In fact, Illinois Gov. George Ryan recently pardoned four Chicago men who had served from 12 to 15 years behind bars for a 1986 murder and rape they didn't commit. They, too, were cleared by DNA evidence.

Similar cases have surfaced in other parts of the country as well. The common denominators in many of these wrongful convictions are the race of those accused and the race of the victim. And that should be no surprise; stereotypical depictions of minority youth as crime-prone predators are as American as apple pie. That tendency was heightened considerably during the troubled decade of the 1980s, when crime rates were rising and racial anxieties were aggravated.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would like to write this letter to you to request of the parents within my district to exercise the option of bringing their children to the local health department for basic immunization that is required by the State Department of Health and the New Jersey Public Educational system.

This immunization is part of our modern technology to stop the spread of diphtheria, polio and other childhood diseases. It critically important that parents obtain the immunization shots for their children. Currently within the State

of New Jersey 78 percent of our children are immunized while this is on par with the national average, it is the goal of the Governor and the Department of Health to have at least 90 percent of New Jersey children properly immunized by the age of 2 years old. Parents can obtain the immunization shots from their doctor or receive the shots from the local health departments in the city of Newark, Irvington, Bloomfield and Belleville at no cost.

I urge all parents to ensure that their children are properly

immunized. This action is affordable and can avoid major children's illnesses in the future. Listed below is the phone numbers of the cities health department offices. Belleville: 973-450-3394; Bloomfield: 973-680-4060; Irvington: 973-733-7592; and Newark: 973-733-7592.

— Donald K. Tucker, Newark.

The Hon. Donald K. Tucker is Speaker Pro Tempore and Assemblyman, 28th District for the New Jersey General Assembly and a Councilman At Large for the City of Newark.

## BUSINESS

## BRIEFS

ASSEMBLY AMENDS  
ANTI-BIAS MEASURE

TRENTON — The Assembly has amended the Law Against Discrimination by passing bill A-2681 which restricts employers from requiring employees to submit their work-related disputes to arbitration. Employers who now use arbitration may face higher legal bills since most workplace disputes would be decided in court. The N. J. State Chamber of Commerce opposed the legislation.

SCHOOL VENDOR  
BILL DRAWS FIRE

TRENTON — A bill that "virtually eliminates the hiring of private-sector contractors to provide non-educational services in public schools," according to the New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA), has passed in the state Assembly and is scheduled for a second reading in the Senate. The bill, A-1714/S-1537 is "anti-competition" according to the NJBIA, which says the measure would require school districts wishing to provide non-educational services (such as transportation, custodial and cafeteria) to first attempt to negotiate an agreement with the union.

EDA FINANCED NEW  
URBAN LEAGUE HOME

JERSEY CITY — The Urban League of Hudson County recently held the grand opening of their new headquarters. The facility was financed through the state Economic Development Authority, which provided a \$4 million tax-exempt bond to the League. The City of Jersey City also contributed \$700,000 to the project. The League consolidated its programs and offices into one central building in the Martin Luther King Drive hub.

COMMERCE HOSTS  
JAPANESE EXECS

TRENTON — The state recently hosted a delegation of Japanese business executives on a two-day mission to investigate opportunities with the medical device industry. Representatives from seven companies, including the Mitsubishi Corporation met with Dr. William D. Watley, CEO and Secretary of the Commerce and Economic Growth Commission, and toured North Brunswick's Commercialization Center for Innovative Technologies. Center tenants have access to ultra modern labs and share support services.

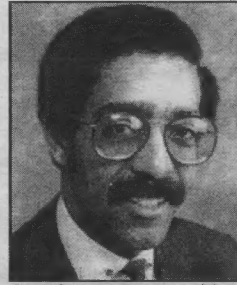
## Law gives new incentives to brownfield developers

EWING TOWNSHIP — A bill sponsored by Senator Ronald L. Rice, which would provide incentives for residential development of contaminated brownfield sites, was signed into law, following Governor McGreevey's Smart Growth Summit recently at the College of New Jersey.

"This measure would push developers to make use of contaminated urban sites while giving builders a reason to stop pushing out into the suburbs and creating more sprawl," said Senator Rice, D-Essex. "It encourages redevelopment and

possible revitalization of residential areas in cities and protects New Jersey's trees and farmland from further development. Everyone benefits from incentives to redevelop brownfields for residential use."

The bill, S-1181, will provide for a 75 percent reimbursement for costs on redevelopment of brownfields for developers who have entered into a redevelopment agreement with the State Secretary of Commerce and the Treasurer. A current program, which has been in place for four years, already offers incentives for



State Senator Ronald L. Rice commercial redevelopment. Governor McGreevey has also asked the Legislature to pass a

Constitutional amendment, to be placed on the November 2003 ballot, that would amend the Underground Storage Tank Finance Act to allow those funds to be used for brownfield redevelopment loans and grants.

Governor McGreevey has touted 'smart growth' as a key to ending suburban sprawl in New Jersey," said Senator Rice. "I feel that this is smart legislation that accomplishes just that, not only protecting New Jersey's environment but also providing for much needed urban revitalization."

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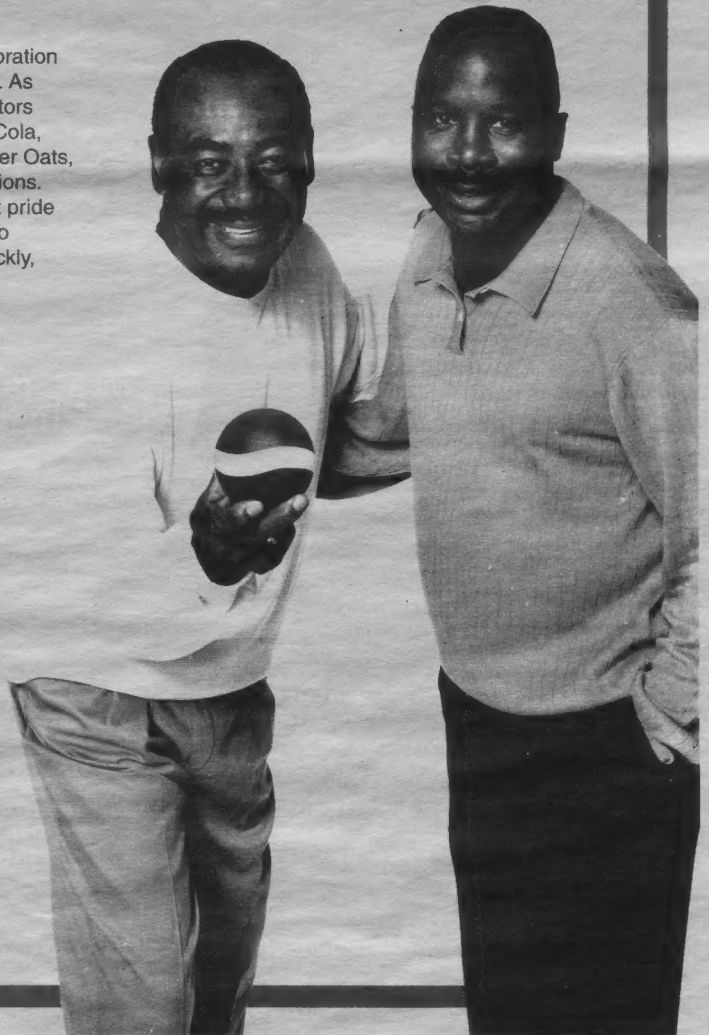
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# Local Rotary Club member joins in global effort to eradicate polio

West Orange, N.J. — As polio still threatens children in parts of Africa and South Asia,

Karen Ziegler of West Orange and Rotary club members worldwide have made eliminating this crippling disease their top priority.

In support of this global endeavor, four area Rotary Club members on The NIGERIA NID 2002 Team will depart for Nigeria on Sunday Nov. 3 and return on Sunday Nov. 17.

While in Nigeria, the volunteers will help administer drops of oral polio vaccine, assist parents in getting their children vaccinated, transport health

*"Just 50 cents worth of vaccine can protect a child for life."*

workers, deliver the vaccine to health clinics and recruit fellow volunteers during Nigeria's National Immunization Days (NID) from Nov 9-15. The goal will be to immunize over 40 million children under the age of five against polio.

A highly infectious disease,

polio still affects children in ten polio-endemic countries, Angola, Afghanistan, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, located in South Asia and Africa. Polio can cause paralysis and sometimes death. As there is no cure for polio, the best protection is prevention.

Leading the U.S. delegation is Dowagiac, Michigan resident David Groner. "Though we've made great progress toward eradicating this crippling disease, we must remain steadfast if we are to realize our dream of

a polio free world by 2005, said Groner. "Just 50 cents worth of vaccine can protect a child for life."

Great strides have been made in polio eradication, but Nigeria the most populated nation in Africa with approximately 126 million people is still one of the 10 remaining polioendemic countries. When Rotary began its polio immunization program in the mid 1980s, approximately 1,000 children were infected by this crippling disease every day. Last year only 483 cases of polio were reported in 10 countries, down from the 350,000 cases estimated in 125 countries in 1988.

In addition to Nigeria, 15 other countries in West Africa will hold their NIDs within the same week to prevent cross-border transmission of the polio virus. An expected total of 70 million children will be vaccinated against polio during this time. The countries taking part in the regional effort are: Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.

As part of its efforts to end polio worldwide, Rotary has contributed \$17.8 million to polio eradication efforts in Nigeria, \$182 million to eradicate polio throughout the African continent and committed \$493 million worldwide.

Yet, to eradicate polio by 2005, every child must be reached. High-density population and extreme poverty are just some of the major challenges to a polio free world.

## Health Briefs

### \$10,000 grant awarded to NHA and AME Church

The Newark Housing Authority (NHA) is pleased to announce the NHA/Dr. M. Joan Cousin AME Health Awareness Center in Newark was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant for community collaboration from The Black Women's Agenda, Inc., a Washington, D.C. based, non-profit advocacy organization.

"These monies will allow us to expand our programs and continue to press forward and improve the quality of life for others who may not have the necessary resources," said Ms. Carrie R. Grady, supervisor of the First Episcopal District of the Women's Missionary Society.

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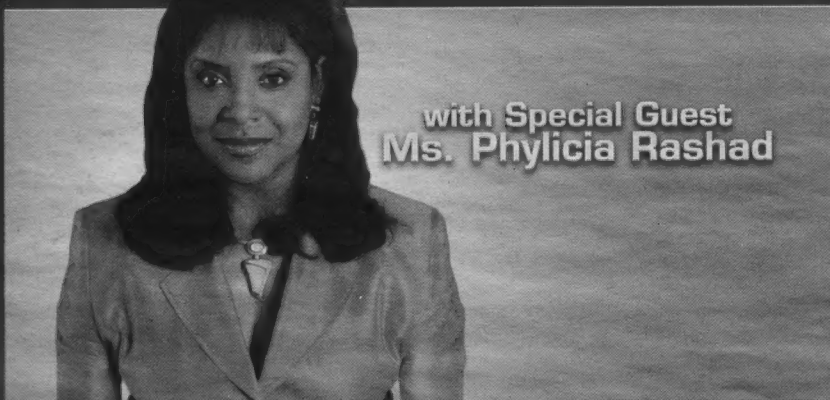


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## Police Superintendent search

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M. Davy, Chief of Management and Operations for Governor James E. McGreevey; W. Cary Edwards, a founding partner at the Edwards & Caldwell, a Hawthorne private law practice; Louis Freeh, the former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and who currently oversees MBNA America Bank's law department; Peter C. Harvey, the First Assistant Attorney General of New Jersey and Director of the Division of Criminal Justice in the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety; Stewart G. Pollock, Counsel to Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland and Perretti, LLP; David Samson, Attorney General of the State of New Jersey; Monsignor Robert Sheeran, president of Seton Hall University.

Meanwhile, the Santiago situation drew heavy criticism of the McGreevey administration across the state. New Jersey state Senate co-President John O. Bennett (R-District 12) recently characterized the firing of Santiago as "a day that has been coming for a long time, and used the occasion to question the Governor's choice for the embattled police position.

"From the very first days that Joseph Santiago's name was announced by Governor McGreevey as his hand-picked choice to head up New Jersey's State Police — there were warning signs around every corner," Bennett (R-Monmouth) said.

"There is absolutely no question — now or then — that the Governor used extremely poor judgment in choosing Joseph Santiago to head up an organization that holds its members to the highest of standards and principles," Bennett continued. "And now, in the midst of all this uncertainty, I believe it is



The Rev. Dr. M. William Howard incumbent upon the Governor to break from his past history of partisanship and include the Senate leadership in the process of selecting a new nominee to lead New Jersey's State Police."

Governor McGreevey did not allude to the State Police Department's internal management conflicts and national black eye during his comments regarding the Santiago resignation. The announcement, however came on the heels of the release in the State Assembly of legislation that would outlaw racial profiling.

The Rev. Reginald Jackson, executive director of the Black Ministers Council, one of the leaders who spurred the racial profiling investigations, called on the Governor not to lose ground in reforming the State Police. "It is incumbent upon the Governor to appoint a strong superintendent from outside the State Police," Rev. Jackson said. "Otherwise it appears that the troopers union can get whatever they want from the Governor." Rev. Jackson said Santiago caused many of his own problems, but his dismissal was a setback for citizens of New Jersey and for the State Police Department.

## Summit targets sprawl

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driven that number down to only 4 percent," McGreevey said. "This is not only smart policy, it is a smart use of taxpayer dollars."

The Community Affairs Department was directed by the Governor to establish a package of "super-incentives" for developers who are working in Smart Growth areas and adhering to Smart Growth principles. This initiative will coordinate all the incentive programs currently administered by that Department and the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency.

"If we expect our State's residents to move back to our towns and cities, we will need to create attractive new housing opportunities in these locations," the Governor said.

The Governor said he would

form a Smart Growth Policy Council charged with finding ways that State departments and agencies can incorporate Smart Growth Principles into their operations. "We believe that growth should be encouraged in those areas most compatible with the State Plan and with Smart Growth principles. "Under the leadership of our Commerce and Economic Growth Commission, we must strengthen our efforts to retain and recruit jobs, but also be concerned about where those job opportunities are located. For we are not focusing our efforts only on the question of where growth should go — we must also carefully consider how development should take place in the areas we target."

## U.S. Senate candidates in NJ are running against the balance of power in Congress

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ineligible to vote because of criminal convictions.

A group of Essex County Hispanic elected and appointed officials, Hispanic agency directors and Hispanic civic leaders last week, endorsed Lautenberg at a press conference in Newark last week, where several speakers repeated their intention to work to prevent the Bush administration from gaining the one seat needed to have a party majority in Congress.

"We know the impact their election (Republicans) will have on our rights if this President of the U.S. who is not our friend has a free hand," state Assemblyman Wilfredo Caraballo said. The group of more than 25 Latino leaders which was organized by Newark Councilman at Large Luis A. Quintana, emphatically distanced themselves from an earlier announcement that Hispanics in New Jersey were backing Forrester. Robert Menendez was represented by two members of his staff.

Last August one of the nation's top Hispanic leaders — and President Bush's Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Mel Martinez — came in to campaign for Forrester. Recently, Jose Arango, Chair of the Hudson County GOP issued a statement saying, "Doug Forrester has garnered a great deal of support from a large cross section of New Jersey voters, including New Jersey's Hispanic community. Hispanics in New Jersey support Doug's strong message of individual empowerment, hope and economic opportunity."

Quintana, who is also the president of a national league of Hispanic elected officials, said he has received calls from across the nation urging him to deliver the New Jersey Latino vote to Lautenberg. The Democratic Hispanic representatives said they will treat the November election as if it is a primary in terms of mounting a door-to-door get out the vote effort.

Rick Thigpen, a consultant to the Lautenberg campaign and principal with the Trenton-based Strategy Group, called the endorsement "significant" and said the Democrats are "very impressed by their ability to mobilize people in the Latino community."

"The growing demographic strength of Latino Americans is being increasingly matched by their political strength," Thigpen said. When asked about the whispered specula-



— Photo courtesy of the Forrester team

U.S. Senate candidate Douglas Forrester greets a voter in Union. L. Campbell. "Those people will vote on issues that could change our way of life." Campbell says those issues include "the threat of nuclear war, a depressed economy, and the fact that less than 6500 votes determined the U.S. President in 2000."

Bonnie Watson Coleman, Chairman of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee recently expressed frustration with Forrester's response to the issues in the campaign.

"Every time Mr. Forrester and the Republicans criticize and complain about the campaign process, they are confirming the fact that they have nothing to offer on the issues and that Mr. Forrester can't compete with Senator Lautenberg on qualifications and accomplishments," Watson Coleman said.

"Their fixation on the campaign procedures has turned the election into a one-sided debate with Senator Lautenberg addressing issues such as gun safety, social security, prescription drugs, the environment, a woman's right to choose, and who will stand up for working families. Maybe the GOP doesn't want to hear what we have to say because they can't compete with Senator Lautenberg, but the voters do, and are responding with growing support," Watson Coleman continued.

Forrester has hammered away at Lautenberg for more debates. A debate was held recently, and a second televised debate airs on News 12 New Jersey tonight (October 30), and features all six candidates, plus a one-on-one debate between Forrester and Lautenberg.

Watson Coleman says Lautenberg was recently praised by former Governor Kean — a Republican — so "It's understandable that Mr. Forrester and the Republicans are frustrated as they see Senator Lautenberg take command of this election."

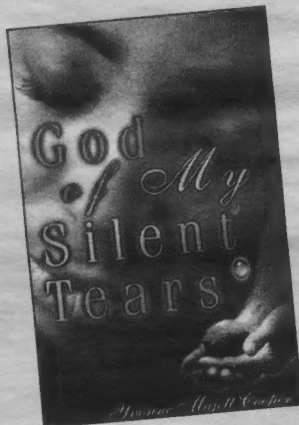


# God of My Silent Tears: By Yvonne Majett Cooper

A former judge pens moving tale of her fall from glory, and rise by grace

By Stephanie Gadlin

Desolate prison cells, packed courtrooms and church sanctuaries are the settings for *God of My Silent Tears*, a moving, autobiographical narrative detailing the downfall and subsequent revival of one of Washington, D.C.'s most notable citizens.



At the height of her political career, Yvonne Majett Cooper plunged into the world of deceit and bribery. Fed by the prestige of having some of Washington, D.C.'s

highest officials appeal to her power, she began taking bribes and later found herself a registered inmate in the nation's capitol.

Faced with 105 years in prison, Cooper, whom Mayor Marion Barry appointed to her judicial post, served eight months in federal prison and thereby began a journey that would lead her onto a new path of self discovery. The experience, the former magistrate writes in *God of My Silent Tears*, forced her to abandon a lifestyle of fornication, apathy and stunted spiritual growth and instead find a higher calling.

"I was looking at 105 years and wound up only serving less than a year," Cooper said in an exclusive interview with API Wire. "It was the best thing that happened to me because God used me to minister to others."

Ashamed of her incarceration, Cooper rarely told anyone about her ordeal including her future employers of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) where she became the first female executive director in 1996. Later, after serving six years at the admin-

## God of My Silent Tears

Written by:

Yvonne Majett Cooper

Published by:

Wine Press Publishing

question in my mind where the idea for this book came from," said Cooper who had no formal literary training. "I took detailed notes everyday and wound up with boxes and boxes of paper on every single occurrence I had in prison. Later when I was released I put there in chronological order and three years later finished the manuscript."

Cooper shopped *God of My Silent Tears* to seven major publishers, all of which turned her down. However, as divine intervention would have it, an editor from Wine Press Publishers, in an attempt to reach another writer mistakenly called the author's mobile phone. Wine Press, based in Enumclaw, Washington, is an independent publisher specializing in Christian content.

"I was in the airport when the call came through," Cooper said. "When the editor phoned me she said, 'I made a mistake. I was trying to reach someone else.' The minute she told me who she was, I knew that this was no mistake. God did not make mistakes."

The book comes at a time when the United States reigns as the leading industrialized nation with the highest incarcerated rates with some two million people in jail or federal prison. The prison industrial complex has seen a significant boon with the War on Drugs, which almost exclusively targets minority and the poor firsttime offenders. In 1985, prisons and jails held fewer than 800,000 people.

"When I was in Lorton, out of 90 female inmates, only three of us were not inside because of drugs,"

Cooper recalls. Many of the women were repeat offenders, had been abused early in life and were somebody's mother. Some had HIV. It was important to me to know that these women had lives, hopes and dreams before they went to jail, because so many people easily turn a blind eye to prisoners."

The former NNPA executive, who recently became an ordained African Methodist Episcopal (AME) minister, is using the book to help rehabilitate female inmates, and train and strengthen church based prison ministries. Despite the myriad of problems facing women who are incarcerated, Cooper says her biggest challenge is helping volunteers meet the needs of prisoners, most of whom are not readily receptive to spiritual messages. "You have to be able to serve the whole woman (or man)," she said. "Who wants to hear about Jesus Christ when they're worried about their children, or if they can't get out to attend their mother's funeral."

Cooper, while incarcerated was often called upon to break up fights, or advocate on an inmate's behalf, recalls with amazement days spent in a jail cell Bible and tears. Though she was called "Rev." by several women, Cooper admits to finding it difficult to also minister to her own needs.

"My faith in the Lord was, strong but there were so many times I just sat down and cried all by myself," she said. "Whenever I thought someone was approaching, I'd dry them up, not because I didn't want them to see their leader or support base too had weak moments, but because I simply didn't want any one of them to be discouraged. For some, I was all they had."

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istrative helm of the black press, she finally decided to purge her past and use her experience to help others. The result is a stirring, sometimes graphic and inspirational memoir about one woman's redemption.

"There was no

## First-grade teacher at Parkway Elementary School in Ewing receives 2002 National Educator Award

EWING — Governor James E. McGreevey and the Department of Education, in a partnership with the nationally lauded Milken Family Foundation, recently honored April Lowe with a 2002 National Educator Award.

Lowe, a first-grade teacher at Parkway Elementary School holds a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Delaware State University.

She is a five-year educator who is currently working on her master's degree in Educational Leadership at the College of New Jersey.

The state and the Milken Family Foundation are in the



first-year of a partnership. New Jersey is now one of 46 nationwide to recognize outstanding teachers in the classroom. Founder Lowell Milken, the foundation's chairman, created the award program in 1985.

"I'm absolutely proud of April and thrilled that she has received this award. She is a

hardworking teacher the parents and children love. She is the best of teachers and her outreach promotes success in our school. April is a young woman with a bright future, Laurence Fieber, principal of Parkway Elementary School said.

"The state joins in honoring April Lowe with a 2002 National Educator Award," Governor McGreevey said. "Her abilities in the classroom have not gone unnoticed. In fact, my administration will take each and every opportunity we can to honor such strong abilities in our classrooms. A teacher's success is our children's success."



# Previews for movies opening November 1

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**Rated PG-13**

### The Santa Claus 2 (2002)

Scott Calvin has been Santa Claus for the past eight years, and his loyal elves consider him



the best Santa ever. But Santa's world is turned upside down when he's dealt a double whammy of bad news: not only has his son, Charlie, landed on this year's "naughty" list, but if Scott doesn't marry by Christmas Eve - just a month away! - He'll stop being Santa forever. (It's right in his contract - the "Mrs. Clause").

Desperate, Scott turns to the elves' new invention - a machine that can replicate anything - to create Santa II (a toy version of himself) and he leaves his double in charge.

Things quickly go south at the North Pole when Santa II institutes some strange redefinitions of what's naughty and nice; worse, when Scott finally falls for a potential Mrs. Claus, she threatens to drive a wedge between him and Charlie. In a climactic battle pitting Santa, Charlie, the new Mrs. Claus, and the elves against Santa II and his army of tin soldiers, the future of Scott's family, the North Pole, and Christmas itself, hangs in the balance.

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A photojournalist (Catherine McCormack) and her



husband (Sean Penn) sail to a New Hampshire island over the course of a weekend, accompanied by her brother-in-law (Josh Lucas), and his girlfriend (Elizabeth Hurley). The purpose of the trip is to investigate the murders of two Scandinavian immigrants there in 1873.

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# Fellowship Heights collaboration in Clinton Hill offers additional affordable homes to enterprising homebuyers

NEWARK — Mayor Sharpe James was joined by a host of state and local dignitaries recently, as he cut the ceremonial ribbon officially dedicating Fellowship Heights, Newark's newest affordable new home community located in the heart of the city's Clinton Hill section.

*"In New Jersey, we are committed to encouraging mixed-income, owner-occupied housing opportunities in our urban neighborhoods."*

— Susan Bass Levin

Mayor James had high praise, both for the concept and for the project, saying, "Fellowship Heights community is a continuation of the new neighborhoods popping up throughout our city."

Cited as a model for affordable urban housing, Fellowship Heights is a project of the Greater Friendship Community Development Corporation (GFCDC), an entity of the Greater Fellowship Baptist Church in Newark. The 29 detached two-family homes will each consist of a three-bedroom owner's unit and a three-bedroom rental unit, and sell for \$139,000 to \$147,900 to families who meet moderate-income requirements.

"The 100% Financing program allows hard-working families to purchase a home without a down payment," New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA) executive director C. Sean Closkey said.

"In New Jersey, we are committed to encouraging mixed-income, owner-occupied housing opportunities in our urban neighborhoods," said Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Susan



— Photo courtesy of Fred Rosenberg

## Fellowship Heights ribbon cutting ceremony.

Bass Levin. "By partnering with neighborhood-based organizations and private lenders we have been able create new affordable housing opportunities for families throughout the State," Levin said.

The ribbon cutting took place at noon and also included remarks by Congressman Donald M.

Payne, NJ Housing and Mortgage Agency Executive Director C. Sean Closkey, and Dr. Nathan Allen, Director of Development for the City of Newark.

Fellowship Heights, which includes funding from the federal Housing and Urban Development agency's HOME program, is one of several

initiatives the President Bush has implemented to increase minority home ownership by 5.5 million by the end of the decade in an effort to close the so-called "homeownership gap."

Despite increases in minority homeownership during the 1990s, less than half of African-American and Hispanic families own their own home while 74.3 percent of non-Hispanic whites are homeowners, according to HUD researchers.

"Affordable new housing in Newark has given new hope for growing families who need only the opportunity to reap the benefits from owning their own homes in quality residential neighborhoods. Opportunity is the key word," said the Reverend John Teabout, president of the GFCDC.

"By providing quality housing at affordable prices, we also provide the opportunity for parents to bring up their children in a great home environment."

Reverend Teabout also indicated that the new housing has enhanced the pride in the City that has been instilled by Mayor James' Administration with the redevelopment of many parts of the community.

"From the downtown business area, to Science Park, to the residential neighborhoods such as Fellowship Heights, Newark has clearly established its place as a great city in which to work, bring up a family and enjoy a fine quality of life," said Reverend Teabout. "We at the Greater Friendship Community Development Corporation are proud to be a part of this evolution."

The financing and subsidies for Fellowship Heights were also provided by the New Jersey Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency's UHOP Program and the Bank of New York.

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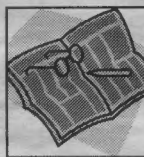
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# Calendar

## Community

Community movie day "Bargain Tuesdays" at Newark's Screens: On Springfield Ave. See two movies for the price of one. 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. tickets (adults for children), \$4.00, 6:00 p.m. till closing two adults, \$7.00 and two children's tickets, \$4.00. For more info call 973-642-5555.

In celebration of Fire Prevention month, fire officials and fire fighters and experts will be on-hand to deliver fire safety and prevention tips to residents. For more info call 973-733-7446.

Woodbridge — The Barron Arts Center is looking for volunteers to help with light office duties and greeting visitors. For more info call 732-634-0413 weekdays between 9:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

College bound high school students wanting to take the ACT Assessment have two chances to register before the Dec. 14th test date. The test fee is \$25 and \$28 in Florida. Postmark registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 8th. For more info visit the web site, <http://www.act.org>.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Trenton — Gov. James E. McGreevey and AARP New Jersey will host a Senior Seminar at the War Memorial. The topic will be Reestablishment of the Public Advocate. The session will begin at 10:30 a.m. and include a complimentary lunch. There is no cost to participate. To RSVP call 800-336-4040.

Cranford — The Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education at Union County offers training to become an Oracle Certified Professional. For more info call 908-709-7600.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Newark — The James Shabazz School Committee is hosting a rally to build a Muslim School in Newark at 12:00 p.m. For more info call 973-673-1764.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Cranford — The Union County College Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education is offering courses that will help you prepare for the GED exam. For info call 908-709-7600.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Cranford — The Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education will be offering advanced courses for its Restaurant Management Culinary Arts Certificate Program. For

more info call 908-709-7600.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Cranford — The Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education offers the ServeSafe Certification Program for those who work in the food industry. Call 908-709-7600 for more info.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Newark — The Priory Restaurant is having its Grand Re-Opening at 12:00 p.m. For more info call 201-843-5600.

## Business

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Manhattan — The U.S. Postal Service will offer a Global Marketing Summit at the Direct marketing Association, 1120 Avenue of the Americas for help senior executive expand their business reach. The fee is \$99. To register call 212-790-1500 or visit [www.the-dma.org](http://www.the-dma.org).

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Newark — NJIT Procurement Center is holding a free workshop for small businesses on How To Do Business with the Federal and State Government from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more info call 973-596-3105.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Jersey City — New Jersey City University will offer "Professional Growth" a course approved by the Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more info call 201-200-3089.

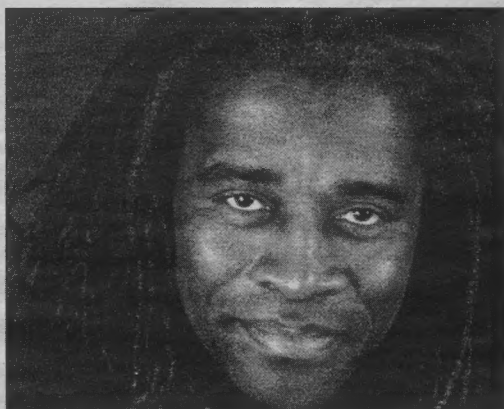
### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Monroe Twp. — Pathfinder Consulting Group will hold a MEGA JOB FAIR at the Forsgate Country Club from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more info call 732-521-0070.

Saddle Brook — Gordon Bethone, CEO of Continental Airlines is the featured speaker at the breakfast meeting of the Commerce and Industry Association of NJ monthly meeting. The cost is \$35 for members and \$50 for non members. For information call Richard Goldberg at 201-368-2100.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Newark — Greater Newark Business Development Consortium will host a seminar on Growing & Expanding Your Small Business from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more info 973-242-5560.



Newark — Rutgers University will host a ceremony by Hannibal (above) on Saturday, November 2 to benefit the removal of civil right's icon Emmett Till's remains presently covered in raw sewage to a burial site more honorable to his legacy. The ceremony will take place in the Multi Purpose Room of The Paul Robeson Center. For more info call 973-371-2442.

## Heartbeat

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

West Orange — The Auxiliary of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center invites wine enthusiasts to join them for a pre-holiday Napa Valley Wine Tasting Event at May Fair Farms. Admission \$40 per person. For more info call 973-926-7175.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

New Brunswick — The Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital will teach a CPR course for the general public at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 732-937-8686.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

New Brunswick — The Cancer Institute of New Jersey "Mind Body II: Managing thoughts & feelings" workshop from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For more info call 732-235-7557.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Newark — Newark Emergency Services will commemorate its 25th anniversary with a champagne brunch at the Robert Treat Hotel followed by a performance at NJPAC of Bring In da Noise / Bring In da Funk starring Savion Glover. For more info call 973-643-5727.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

New Brunswick — The Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital will hold a Free Breast Cancer Screening for women over 40 years of age. For info call 732-247-2050.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

New Brunswick — The Cancer Institute of New Jersey will host a "Nutrition during Treatment" workshop from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For more info call 732-235-7557.

## Artz

### ONGOING

New Jersey's African American Tour Guide, a new, colorful guide listing sites, attractions, museums, and other cultural institutions focusing on African American historic locations and events is available, free of charge from the NJ Commerce & Economic Growth Commission be calling 1-800-VISIT-NJ ext. 2978 or visit online at <http://www.visitnj.org>.

Newark — African Globe presents Music Lab every Friday through Dec. 20th at 7:00p.m. with special guest DJ's. For more info and to audition, call 973-624-1584.

Newark — NJPAC & WBGO presents Jazz for Teens. Classes will be held on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Lucent Technologies Center for Arts Education, located at 24 Rector St. All students will perform at the final concert in Victoria Theater on May 17, 2003.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Newark — New Jersey Performing Arts Center will host Open Mic Night in the Chase Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

Newark — Luna Stage Co. presents "The Toe Tags: the Story of an Indie band who finally got their big break after they died" at 9:00 p.m. For more info call 973-744-3309.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Newark — The Renaissance Jazz Café presents Carrie Jackson & her Jazzin' All Stars at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 973-744-2600.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Newark — New Jersey Performing Arts Center will host a book signing by Ernie Panicioli and Kevin Powell who wrote Who Shot Ya? at

3:00 p.m. For more info call 973-353-8051.

Newark — Rapper Chuck D will give a Keynote Speech in the Chase Room at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center at 4:00 p.m. For more info call 973-353-8051.

Newark — New Jersey Performing Arts Center will host a Hip Hop after party. Admission \$10. For more info call 973-353-8051.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 9

Newark — African Globe Theatreworks will host a Gospel Musical at Newark Symphony Hall. For more info call 973-624-1584.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Newark — New Jersey Performing Arts Center presents Bring In 'Da Noise Bring In 'Da Funk' at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. For more info call 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Livingston — Saint Barnabas Hospice and Palliative Care Center will host their first annual "Metamorphoses" Art & Collectables Auctions from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more info call 973-322-0130.

### TUESDAY, NOV 12, 13, 14

Newark — Newark Symphony Hall presents Play: Men Cry in the Dark by Michael Baisden. For more info call 973-643-8009 or 201-507-8900.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Newark — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center will host will host the All-State Jazz Concert in the Victoria Theater at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 973-353-8051.

## Religion

### ONGOING ON THURSDAYS

Newark — The Network of Christian Men, Inc., in cooperation with the Newark Literacy Campaign, Inc., seeks male and female volunteers to tutor adults, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. To become a tutor, or to receive tutoring contact Isaac Thomas, Jr., at 973-371-9741, or Stanley Crawford at 973-623-4001.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Newark — The Calvary Baptist Church of Plainfield will celebrate their 150th Church Anniversary starting at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 908-561-5187.

Mail your calendar events to : City News Publishing  
111 Mulberry St. TH-C  
Newark, NJ 07102 or  
Fax to 973-642-5444

## Local Briefs

### YouthBuild Offers Construction Skills

ORANGE — Hundreds of high school dropouts in New Jersey will have a chance to get a new start in the construction trades due to nearly \$2.1 million in funding from the federal YouthBuild program. The Housing and Urban Development program will provide job training, leadership skills and academic schooling to low-income, at-risk youth. The Episcopal Community Development, Inc., in Newark, and the First Occupational Center of New Jersey, in Orange are among the local grant recipients.

### Anti-violence bill moves in Senate

TRENTON — Legislation Assembly Deputy Speaker Alfred Steel sponsored to permit school boards to acquaint students with the teachings of world renowned advocates of non-violence was unanimously released recently from the Senate Education Committee. Bill A-1819 is now poised for a possible Senate floor vote.

### State CBT Special Committee named

TRENTON — Governor James E. McGreevey recently announced the nine members of the Corporation Business Tax special commission. The commission seeks to promote fairness in corporate taxation.

### Panther Party seeks police officer's firing

IRVINGTON — The New Black Panther Party (NBPP) recently called for the dismissal of a female Irvington police officer who allegedly shot at several unarmed neighbors, following a verbal argument last Memorial Day. DJ Lucas, one of several men arrested, remains charged with simple assault. Charges against the other males were dismissed. The NBPP has asked that charges against Lucas be dropped. The Police Officer, LaKizzy Carson, was due to face an Essex County grand jury last week.

### Newark get 300 little litter deputies

NEWARK — Deputy Mayor Evelyn Williams recently deputized some 300 first grade and kindergarten students at Camden Avenue School as part of a "Clean Sweep", a city wide anti-litter and anti-graffiti campaign.

## State's Judiciary reviewing local Newark courts

NEWARK — At the request of Newark Mayor Sharpe James, New Jersey's Judiciary will conduct a comprehensive review of the operations of the City of Newark Municipal Court, Judge Richard J. Williams, administrative director of the courts announced recently.

"Mayor James asked for the judiciary's assistance in conducting a comprehensive review of the City Courts operations in order to remedy problems recently identified, particularly in the areas of data entry

and customer service," Judge Williams said. "I appreciate Mayor James' cooperation and his concern for building a strong Municipal Court in the City of Newark." James met with Williams two weeks ago to discuss the matter.

The Mayor's request came after the Administrative Office of the Courts identified approximately 65,000 inactive tickets — mainly parking — that were more than three years old, and had not been paid or dismissed by the City. In some cases warrants had never been issued,

and others had only been partially paid.

Mayor James says the task force will "assist us in achieving our shared goal of strengthening the delivery of services in the Municipal Court System."

Judge Williams has formed a working group that will be charged with providing recommendations for improvements as expeditiously as possible. He has asked to be advised of interim measures that can be implemented while the group continues its work. The group will be chaired by Judge

Burrell Ives Humphreys. Newark City Business Administrator Richard A. Monteilh will also serve on the six member force.

"This group includes some of the most dedicated and knowledgeable people on court operations the state has to offer. I am confident that with their assessment and recommendations, and with the commitment of the City of Newark, we can offer a blueprint to help Newark make an improved Municipal Court a reality," Judge Williams said.



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